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SUBJECT: FOCCART VISIT TO UPPER VOLTA

1. JACQUES FOCCART, SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS FRENCH PRESIDENCY, DEPARTED OUAGADOUGOU MARCH 27 AFTER FOUR DAY VISIT IN UPPER VOLTA. FOCCART TRIP HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED HERE FOR FEBRUARY BUT WAS PUT OFF BY FRENCH EMBASSY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CRISIS AT THAT TIME.

2. FOCCART HELD WORKING SESSIONS WITH DAKOURE/CILSS AND VOLTAN NATIONAL DROUGHT COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HOSTED DINNER FOR HIM. AS IN OTHER PLACES VISITED, STATED PURPOSE FOCCART TRIP WAS TO OBSERVE AND GATHER FACTS ON DROUGHT FOR PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. FOCCART ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY USED OCCASION OF VISIT TO TAKE READING ON NEW GOVERNMENT. FOCCART VENTURED INTO THE SAHEL TWICE, MAKING SEPARATE VISITS TO DJIBO AND FOROM-GOROM.

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3. UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT, REPORTER ASKED FOCCART

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ABOUT CARNEGIE REPORT WHICH CRITICIZED FRANCE FOR LEVEL OF AID TO SAHEL. FOCCART REPLIED FIGURE OF SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS LISTED IN REPORT WAS ERROR; FRANCE, HE SAID, HAD CONTRIBUTED OVER FORTY MILLION ALREADY TO SAHELIAN STATES AND PLANNED TO GIVE EVEN MORE IN FUTURE. DECONTROL 12/31/74. JOHNSON

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